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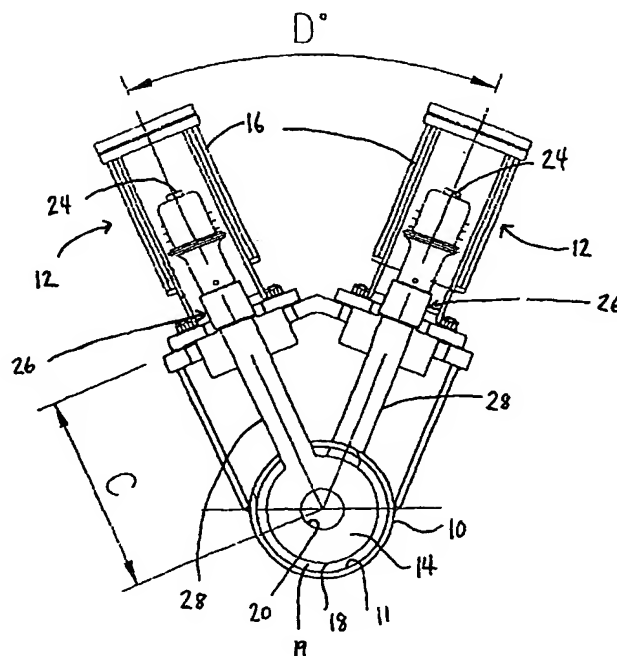
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to fluid processing apparatus for use in an elongate passage (10), the apparatus comprising a plurality of means for applying ultrasonic energy (12) to fluid within the passage positioned axially along the elongate passage, wherein axially adjacent means for applying ultrasonic energy are radially non-parallel and radially non-opposing.

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